

REGULAR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Before a license can be issued, the Bride and Groom must bring in a **valid driver's license or a DMV issued Identification Card.**

If you do not have the above, you must provide a **certified copy of your birth certificate and another acceptable form of picture I.D.**

California state residence is not required.

The marriage license expires in 90 days.

The regular marriage license can be used anywhere in the state of California.

Both parties must be present to apply.

The license may be published in a local newspaper.

The license is a public record and available for anyone's inspection.

Certified copies are available from the Recorder's office for a \$13.00 fee.

CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE LICENSE

To obtain a Confidential Marriage License the Bride and groom must be **LIVING TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.**

The Bride and Groom must **bring in a valid driver's license or a DMV issued Identification Card.**

If you do not have the above, you must **provide a certified copy of your birth certificate** and another acceptable form of **picture I.D.**

California state residence is not required.

The marriage license expires in 90 days.

A confidential license must be used in the county where it is issued.

Both parties must be present to apply.

The license is not published in the newspaper.

The Clerk's Office will indicate whether a license has been issued to an individual but will not give any other information to the public unless ordered to do so by the court.

The original license stays on file with the Clerk's Office. **A certified copy is available for a fee of \$13.00** to the husband or wife upon request and proof of identification.

IF EITHER THE BRIDE OR GROOM IS A MINOR (UNDER 18)

Minors cannot be licensed to marry in California without counseling, a parent's written consent and a court order from a Superior Court Judge. The Bride and Groom must appear at the County Clerk office to receive a referral form list.

Minors DO NOT have the option of purchasing a confidential license. This includes emancipated minors.

No appointment is needed for licenses or ceremonies.



WHO MAY SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES

Marriage may be solemnized by any judge or retired judge, commissioner or retired commissioner or assistant commissioner of a court of record or justice court in this state or by any priest, minister, or rabbi of any religious denomination, of the age of 18 years or over or by a person authorized to do so by California Law.

Wedding Chapel Available

A civil marriage commissioner is available through the County Clerk's office to perform marriage ceremonies in the County Clerk "WEDDING CHAPEL" which is a small private area for the wedding couple and their guests (up to 15). Feel free to bring your camera, wedding rings, flowers, etc.

There is a fee of \$21.00 for this service. No appointment is necessary.

One witness is required for public marriage license ceremonies.



APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A *Marriage License*

**VICTOR E. SALAZAR
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 488-3428**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

You must present the license to the person who is to perform the marriage ceremony. It is their responsibility to return it to the County Clerk for filing of confidential licenses or the Recorder for recording public licenses.

The license is a permit to get married and you are not married until someone who is authorized by law to solemnize marriages performs a marriage ceremony.

The license is valid for 90 days from the date of issuance and is then void



APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A

*Marriage License*WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: CASH ♦ VISA ♦ MASTERCARD
NO CHECKS ACCEPTED☐ **PUBLIC LICENSE**
\$49.00☐ **CONFIDENTIAL LICENSE**
(TO BE USED IN FRESNO COUNTY ONLY) \$69.00☐ **CERTIFIED COPY**
(CONFIDENTIAL ONLY) \$13.00☐ **CIVIL CEREMONY**
(PERFORMED IN OUR OFFICE) \$21.00

Groom Personal Data

1A. Name of Groom - First (Given)

1B. Middle

1C. Last (Family)

2. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)
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3A. Residence - Street and Number

3B. City

3C. Zip

3D. County (Outside CA, Enter State)

3E. State of Birth

5. Mailing Address (If Different)

6. Number
of Previous
Marriages

7A. Last Marriage Ended By:

☐ Death ☐ Dissolution ☐ Annulment7B. Date (Month, Day, Year)
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8A. Usual Occupation

8B. Usual Kind of Business or Industry

9. Education (Years Completed)

10A. Full Name of Father

10B. State of Birth

11A. Full Name of Mother (Maiden Name)

11B. State of Birth

Bride Personal Data

12A. Name of Bride - First (Given)

12B. Middle

12C. Last (Family)

13. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)
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14A. Residence - Street and Number

14B. City

14C. Zip

14D. County (Outside CA, Enter State)

15. State of Birth

16. Mailing Address (If Different)

17. Number
of Previous
Marriages

18A. Last Marriage Ended By:

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19A. Usual Occupation

19B. Usual Kind of Business or Industry

20. Education (Years Completed)

21A. Full Name of Father

21B. State of Birth

22A. Full Name of Mother (Maiden Name)

22B. State of Birth

YOU MUST HAVE A VALID: *Drivers License, Passport, ID with photograph and birth date, naturalization certificates OR a valid DMV issued identification card.*

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE ABOVE, YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH:

A certified copy of your birth certificate, adoption papers or baptismal certificate and a picture ID (for example: School or Employee ID)

NO REFUND ON MARRIAGE LICENSES

COMPLETE ONLY IF A CEREMONY IS TAKING PLACE IN THIS OFFICE

Witnesses
(One Required)

26A. Print Name of Witness

26B. Address - Street and Number

26C. City, State and Zip

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27B. Address - Street and Number

27C. City, State and Zip